# The Story of Talhah (RA): Seven Hundred Thousand Dirhams

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## Chapter 1: The Generosity of Ṭalḥah ibn ʿUbayd Allāh (RA)

### A Transaction Marked by Altruism:

**On one occasion, Ṭalḥah ibn ʿUbayd Allāh (RA) sold a parcel of land to ʿUthmān ibn ʿAffān (RA) for the sum of seven hundred thousand dirhams. When this large amount of wealth was brought to him, he was struck by a solemn thought: what if this wealth remained with me overnight and death were to seize me before I could dispense it? Driven by this realisation, he immediately began to act.**

**A Moment of Reflection:**

**Ṭalḥah ibn ʿUbayd Allāh (RA):**

**“If this wealth remains with me tonight and I die, what shall become of me?”**

## Simplicity Amidst Abundance:

**Ziyād ibn Jarīr narrates that Ṭalḥah ibn ʿUbayd Allāh (RA) once distributed one hundred thousand dirhams in a single sitting. Despite the magnitude of his charitable giving, he maintained a life of personal simplicity. Such was his humility that he would mend the edges of his own cloak with his own hands, never burdening others with his needs.**

## Acts of Quiet Dignity:

## Ziyād ibn Jarīr:

**“Ṭalḥah ibn ʿUbayd Allāh once distributed one hundred thousand dirhams in one sitting, while he would sew the hem of his cloak himself.”**